

REMARKS

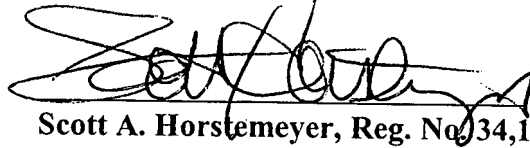
In response to a final Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 8), Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner and had a telephone discussion with the Examiner on December 19, 2002, regarding the outstanding final Office Action. The phrase "local level shifter is configured to maintain information in the integrated circuit while the integrated circuit is operating in a shutdown mode" was discussed during the interview. The Examiner indicated that the phrase was not shown in the references cited. Applicants submitted a Response Paper No.8) to the final Office Action that included amendments to claims 1, 10, 18, and 26, which are similar to the phrase discussed in the interview.

The Examiner mailed an Advisory Action of February 20, 2003, which noted that the amendment, however, was not entered because the Response would require either a new search or a another examination as indicated on paragraph 2a of the Advisory Action. In this regard, Applicants wish to submit a Preliminary Amendment along with the accompanying RCE that includes amendments to claims 1, 10, 18, and 26, which are the same amendments in Applicants' Response made as a result of a telephone discussion with Applicants' representative on December 19, 2002.

A credit card payment form PTO 2038 is enclosed herewith to cover the filing fee for this RCE application. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with

this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any additional fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

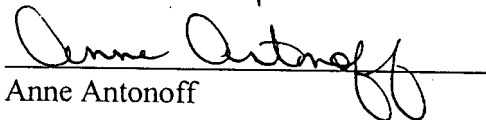


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